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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jerry Lynn Cabe et al. :
Serial No.: 10/653,336 : Art Unit: 3745
Filed: September 2, 2003 : Examiner: Nguyen, Ninh H.
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS :
TO FACILITATE SEALING :
BETWEEN ROTATING :
TURBINE SHAFTS :

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1. Transmitted herewith are:

Amendment in response to Office Action dated October 1, 2004 (8 pgs.);
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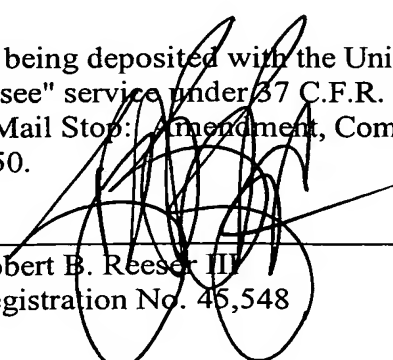
2. Applicant

 Claims small entity status.
 X is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ First month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ Second month	\$ 430.00	\$ 215.00
_____ Third month	\$ 980.00	\$ 490.00
_____ Fourth month	\$1,530.00	\$ 765.00
_____ Fifth month	\$2,080.00	\$1,040.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

- (b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	MINUS			x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	MINUS			x \$44 = \$		x \$88 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$150 = \$		+ \$300 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) X No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- (b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

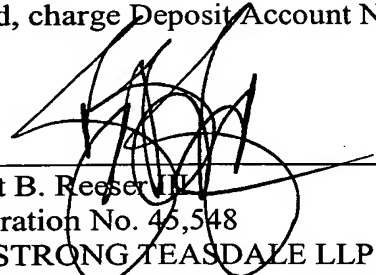
5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$
 Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$
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FEE DEFICIENCY

6. X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- X If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. Other:


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